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Dear Interested Party

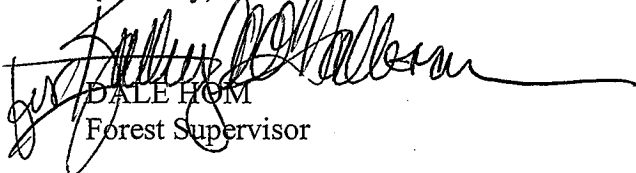
On October 20, 2006, I made the decision to implement Alternative B (modified) as described in the Olympic Discovery Trail Environmental Assessment (EA) and Decision Notice for the Environmental Assessment. This decision authorizes granting an easement to Clallam County to build and maintain approximately 12.1 miles of recreation trail (which will become part of the larger Olympic Discovery Trail) across National Forest System Land (see enclosed map) as described in the EA (EA pages 14-16). Approximately 3.74 miles will consist of new trail construction, reconstruction of railroad grade to trail, and improvement of existing trail and non-system road to trail. These segments will prohibit motorized traffic except for administrative purposes. The remaining approximately 8.32 miles will consist of existing Forest Service roads that will allow shared use with motorized traffic (some of which will be improved by paving with asphalt).

Copies of the Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, and responses to comments received during the public notice and comment period (EA Appendix 7) are available online at the Olympic National Forest web page, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/projects-nu/index.shtml>; or upon request from the Olympic National Forest, 1835 Black Lake Blvd, SW, Suite A, Olympia, WA 98512. For those who substantively commented on the project, these documents are enclosed.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215 by individuals or organizations who provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action during the comment period. Any appeal must be filed to the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days following publication of legal notice of the decision in the newspaper of record, *The Olympian*. The publication date of notice of the decision is the sole means of calculating the appeal filing deadline. See the Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities section of the Decision Notice for details on filing appeals.

For additional information concerning this decision contact Diane Rubiaco, at the Olympic National Forest Supervisors Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd, SW, Suite A, Olympia, WA 98512 or phone (360) 956-2438.

Sincerely,


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Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

